

Utah Sports Authority
Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2007
10:00 a.m. (25 min. 10 sec.)

Attending: Chairman: Alan Dayton, Commissioners: Rich Montanez and Ty McCartney, Secretary: Bill Colbert and guest, Mike Stidham.

Meeting called to order by Alan Dayton.

Per diem sheets signed.

Approval of Minutes

August 2, 2007 minutes approved.

Transition

Bill is working with Utah Correctional Industries (UCI) to get license forms created. The Department of Commerce form is being used as a sample.

Bill indicated that the mass licensing every other year at \$27 per license is awkward. He is requesting commission approval for a 12 month licensing period from time of application at a fee of \$25. Rich made the motion for a 12 month licensing cycle from date of application at a licensing fee of \$25. Alan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Events

MMA – UCE: December 15, 2007 at the Paladium – Alan or Ty will be commissioner in charge. Bill will be there.

Boxing – Gary Nordhoff: December 15, 1007 - 16 round private boxing event – Rich made the motion

to approve this event at 16 rounds. Weigh-ins will be tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Salt Palace. Two fighters flying in from out of state will be weighed in around 1 p.m. at the Salt Palace December 15. Rich will be commissioner in charge.

MMA – UCE: January and February events at Club Elevate at the Hotel.

Rich made the motion to approve the January and February events for UCE. Alan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Discussion

Bill contacted the Nevada commission. Rich and Bill are scheduled to go to Las Vegas at the end of the month for two MMA events. Bill tried to get the whole commission to go but they were limited to two seats. This is their biggest show of the year. This is a good opportunity for Bill and Rich to meet the Nevada and California commissioners. They will be observing and participating in the weigh in and taping processes of both shows. Mike suggested the UFC event

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in January that Josh Burkman will be fighting in would be a little better for the commission to observe as it will be a smaller event. Rich suggested getting more commissioners down there.

The license type of Timekeeper is easily accommodated in the licensing software.

Bill is slowly getting better support from GOED, such as the mailing process.

Representative Hughes has asked Bill to work with Representative Curtis on the budget for the PSUAC for next year making sure there is adequate money for an assistant, to cover travel and overhead. The commission would like to meet with Representative Curtis regarding the budget as well.

Ty complimented Mike on a great show at the Energy Solutions Arena.

Rich had a request from Steven Sharp to look into his record. Mike feels he is trying to pad his record. Mike said they have always consistently reported his record.

Rich said Ethan Andrews requested that the commission look at assigning referees and judges to each event since it is the commission that licenses them. From experience, Mike said Ethan is not a very good referee. Ethan wants to referee boxing as well. Bill likes working with the promoter to make sure they are also comfortable with the referees and judges even though he does not assign them. Ethan could not attend this meeting as he is out of state. Mike said he has been asked recently by five or six individuals that want to referee. Lonnie Foster, referee, wants some additional help and enjoys teaching people. Mike refers those interested to talk to Lonnie and he the gives them opportunities to referee sparring at a gym to see if they are capable. Ty feels the commission would not want to get into this right now.

Bill gave copies of the letter he composed to Bob Oleson that was requested at the last meeting. Bob may not be doing any more events in Utah. Bill, however, received a call from another promoter in the Portland area that may be interested in doing an event in January. He requested licensing forms and applications.

Bill is still getting occasional calls from a guy in Moab about promoting events there. There is nothing concrete yet.

Mike said there have been rumors that Rich Layton is planning to promote a February event in Tooele.

Rich said he talked with Rick Montoya. Rick said Bob Oleson is planning on putting on two or three shows next year.

Next meeting will be February 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Ty made the motion to adjourn. Alan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.